

Newstead Town Board Meeting- January 27, 2003

A Regular Meeting was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, January 27, 2003 at the Newstead Town Hall at 8:00 PM.

Present: Gerald F. Summe -Supervisor
David Cummings- Councilman
Joan M. Glor- Councilwoman
Harold L. Finger- Councilman
James Ebersole- Highway Superintendent
Fred Pask- Assessor
Christine Falkowski- Building Administrator
Nathan Neill- Town Attorney
Andrew Casolini- Town Engineer
Dawn D. Izydorczak- Town Clerk
Kathleen McLeod Lang- Deputy Clerk

Roll Call was taken with all board members present except Councilman George who is on vacation.

Fred Pask led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the previous regular board meeting held on January 13, 2003 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilman Cummings to approve with a correction to the LOSAP meeting date. Carried Unanimously

Communications -Clerk presented the following:

The American Farmland Trust & Western New York Land Conservancy are presenting a workshop on Conservation Options in Estate Planning on February 25, 2003 at the Erie County Cooperative Extension offices in East Aurora. The first session will run from 9:00am – 12:00pm and will cost \$50.00. The second session will run from 1:00pm – 4:00pm and will cost \$10.00 to attend.

A copy of a letter from Wendel Duchscherer to Sergi Construction regarding WD#5- Phase 4 plans, bid items, and completion dates for phases 2-4.

A copy of a letter from the NYS DOT to Erie County DPW regarding the requested traffic study on Stage Rd. The study is under way and upon completion finding and recommendations will be made.

The January water sampling report from the Village of Akron for Water Districts #1 & 3 was received with acceptable results.

A motion was made by Councilman Cummings, seconded by Councilwoman Glor to receive and file correspondence as presented. Carried Unanimously

Work Session: Supervisor Summe reported that work session was held on January 20, 2003. The following was discussed: Dog Control truck, the Senior Center, Water District 5- Phase 3 & 4, Water District #10, Sewer District issues, Fire Company contracts, Special Use Permits, the Airport Re-zoning, Bloomingdale Re-zoning, Denio status of remodeling, Town Park scheduling as well as other issues.

Privilege of the Floor – No one spoke

Approval of Bills -Councilwoman Glor reported that she had reviewed the Abstract from Batch #101(2002), 102(2002) 103(2003), &104(2003) from the 1/13/03 meeting with the previously UN-audited vouchers and found everything in order. She presented Abstract Batch #109 (2002), 108 (2003) &110 (2003). Vouchers on Abstract Batch #109 (2002), 108 (2003) &110 (2003) numbered 1421-1436,1456,1437 totaling \$46,017.76 (2002) and numbers 1437-1455 totaling \$5,005.70 (2003) and were presented for payment approval by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Finger to approve payment.

Abstract Batch 108, 109 & 110:

General Fund "A" -\$5,160.58, Fund "B" \$4,419.00, Highway "DA" -\$0.00, Highway: Outside Village (DB) \$3,037.34, Capital Projects- WD#5-Phase II (HC) \$26,325.24, Capital Projects- Library Project (HE) \$0.00, Fire Protection (SF) \$3,454.00, Refuse (SR) \$149.48, Sewer Fund (SS) \$19.32, and Water Districts (SW1) \$2,435.75, (SW2) \$0.00, (SW3) \$6,022.75, (SW4) \$0.00, (SW5) \$0.00, (SW6) \$0.00, (SW7) \$0.00, (SW8) \$0.00, (SW9) \$0.00, Trust & Agency (TA) \$0.00, totaling \$51,023.46.

Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway –Superintendent Ebersole and Dave Brucker will be attending the USEPA Storm water Workshop on January 29, 2003. An average of 1,500 gallons of diesel fuel was used in the last two weeks. 1,500 gallons has been the average for a 2 week period during plowing season.

Assessor –The STAR exemption’s forms are coming in a steady rate. There may be calls regarding a proposed Volunteer Fireman exemption by the State Legislature. The average savings would only amount to \$12-15.

Building Office –the following building report was presented by the Building Administrator Christine Falkowski:

Kelly Smith	11492 Main Rd	Commercial Storage bldg.
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James Kidder	13115 Dorsch Rd	Wood stove liner
Jurek Farm	Hunts Corners Rd	Sign renewal
Kreher’s	11072 Main Rd	Sign renewal
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A motion was made by Councilman Cummings, seconded by Councilwoman Glor to accept and approve the building report as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Christine also reported that an MCS Spectrum building software purchase is pending negotiating training costs. Soil boring test requirements will be discussed with Town Engineer Andrew Casolini. The Town Board commends the Building Staff on their efforts during transition period.

Town Clerk-Dawn presented the 2002 Year End Dog Report for the Dog Control Officer with his apologies for the delay. It was also reported that the new drop box has been used several times. The spring newsletter is taking shape. Information can be turned in until February 1st. County/Town tax bills should be in around February 1st and ready for mailing by February 15th.

Attorney for the Town- He also commended the Building Department for their excellent reports.

COUNCILPERSONS

George – Not present

Cummings – Request work session time

Glor- Nothing at this time

Finger- He Thanked the Highway Department for clearing at Denio Library and requests one more day of their help. He also met with Christian Airmen last Tuesday and gave everyone a report.

SUPERVISOR – The November Supervisors Report is now on file with Town Clerk for review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Water District #5- Phase 2 & 3 & 4: Test last week despite the cold on Draper and Hunts Corners Road. There was a problem of flooding and ice but the highway department took care of the clean up. The paper work has been submitted to Health Department.

Water District #10 Survey-Response will be tallied and coordinated.

Christian Airmen Re-Zoning -meeting on February 3, 2003 with designer.

Henley & Murphy Re-Zoning –action will be taken later under new business.

LOSAP Proposals-work session

Senior Center-met with committee and discussed design objectives. Next meeting February 4,2003 to discuss schematic drawing and fundraising committee ideas for fundraisers.

Other-nothing

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Councilman Cummings, seconded by Councilwoman Glor authorizing the Supervisor to sign the lease agreement for use of the Denio building by the Hearts and Hands Faith in Action Coalition for the year 2003. Ayes- 4 Nay- 0 Carried Unanimously

Water District 5- Phase 4:

A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilwoman Glor authorizing Sergi Construction to execute the work on the proposed expansion of Water District 5-Phase 4 and extending the substantial completion dates for phase 3 and phase 4.
(Resolution Attached) Ayes- 4 Nay- 0 Carried Unanimously

Public Hearing Local Law Rezoning Henley Property:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Finger ordering a public hearing to be held on February 10, 2003 at 7:30pm, for the proposed rezoning of property located on Bloomingdale Rd to be known as Local Law No. 1 of the year 2003.
(Resolution Attached) Ayes- 4 Nay-0 Carried Unanimously

Commitment of Matching Funds for OSHA Training:

A motion was made by Councilman Cummings, seconded by Councilwoman Glor to authorize the supervisor to request \$5,060 from the NYSDOL. The town will match grant funds with \$20,650 in in-kind goods and services, or 80% of the total project cost of \$25,710.
(Resolution Attached) Ayes- 4 Nay-0 Carried Unanimously

Whiting Manufacturing Industrial Park SEQR:

A motion was made by Councilman Cummings, seconded by Councilwoman Glor authorizing the Town Board to declare Lead Agency SEQR for planning phase to provide sanitary sewer to Whiting Manufacturing Industrial Park.
(Resolution Attached) Ayes-4 Nay-0 Carried Unanimously

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation Easement:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Finger authorizing Supervisor to sign the application and directing the Town Engineer and Town Attorney to submit the necessary supporting documents to request the easement for the sewer district project.
(Resolution Attached) Ayes-4 Nay-0 Carried Unanimously

Other: None

Question Period-No one spoke

There being no further business to come before the board a motion was made by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Finger to adjourn at 8:35PM

Work session will continue after the meeting.

Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn D. Izydorcak, Town Clerk